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1. Nehra (J46): The airfield at Nehra was not in use as of May 1947. The runways had been blown up with the exception of a small cement runway to the north of the field (about 74 X 50 meters) which is undamaged. The airfield has been plowed up with the exception of two areas. One of these runs the whole length of the airfield parallel with the Weimar-Erfurt road. It is about 150 meters wide and is strewn with derelict cars and debris from the dismantled hangars. The other is at the eastern end of the airfield, measuring approximately 150 x 100 meters. The hangars have been completely removed and the airfield barracks have been dismantled, but the large administration block has been repaired and now houses Soviet families. The "Südhorst" in a small neighboring wood is occupied by Red Army troops whose collar patches are black with red piping. A small group was observed practising with a heavy mortar. The following vehicle were observed at the airfield:

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2. Stralsund (P43): The presence of a radar station at the airfield at Pakow, near Stralsund, was reported in May 1947.
3. Abtshagen (P44): In May 1947 the presence was reported of a small radio station at Abtshagen. It was so well-guarded that it was unapproachable.
4. Schwarzheide (V43): Air raid precautions are being taken at the Schwarzheide plant of BRAGAB (Braunkohle-Benzol AG). At the beginning of March 1947, work was started on the erection of new flak towers, the building of which was expected to take two months. They were being built according to German designs.
5. Air raid practice alarms with AA fire took place in Schwarzheide on 23 and 25 April 1947. On the sounding of the sirens the population had to leave the streets and take cover. Twin-engined Russian aircraft towing sleeve targets appeared and heavy and medium AA guns opened fire on the targets.
6. Brandenburg (Z23): Air raid practice took place in Brandenburg on 29 April 1947 and AA fire was heard some distance from the town.

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